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SUBJECT: HANDGUNS FOR 10TH ANNIVERSARY SECURITY

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1. IN VIEW OF EMBASSY VERIFICATION BONA FIDES OF BOTSWANA POLICE REQUEST FOR HANDGUNS AND AMMUNITION IN REFTEL FOR GOB SECURITY PURPOSES, DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES NO PROBLEM APPROVING EXPORT LICENSE IF APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED IN REASONABLE ADVANCE OF MID-SEPTEMBER AIR SHIPMENT DEADLINE.

2. ALTHOUGH NOT ANTICIPATED, ONE HITCH WE CAN VISUALIZE IS THAT COLT REP. MAY BALK AT SELLING HIS COMPETITOR'S (SMITH AND WESSON) EQUIPMENT, HOWEVER INSIGNIFICANT THE QUANTITY, AND MAKE PITCH FOR GOB PURCHASE OF COLT EQUIVALENTS NOW IN ORDER ESTABLISH LONG TERM SALES RELATIONSHIP. THIS COULD BECOME TIME CONSUMING. KISSINGER

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